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SUBJ: US-GOJ DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO ON POSTWAR AID TO
INDOCHINA

REF: (A) STATE 071100 (B) TOKYO 8839

1. AT OUR INVITATION, JAPANESE MINISTER YAMAZAKI CALLED
ON AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BARGER JULY 5 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE STEPS TO GET
CONSULTATIVE GROUP PROJECT OFF DEAD CENTER.

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2. WORLD BANK INITIATIVE ON FORMATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP

FOR SOUTH VIETNAM WAS DESCRIBED AS "STALLED." EUROPEAN DIRECTORS OF IBRD WERE COOL AT PRESENT TIME TO EVEN AN INFORMAL MEETING OF PROSPECTIVE DONORS TO ALL OF INDOCHINA, AS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY GOJ. THOUGH NEED FOR ASSISTANCE BY SOUTH VIETNAM BEYOND WHAT U.S. COULD SUPPLY WILL BECOME URGENT DURING FY 1974, WE STATED OUR DESIRE TO MOVE IN A DELIBERATE, SUSTAINABLE MANNER TOWARD A CG. WE WANTED JAPANESE VIEWS ON HOW WE MIGHT INVOLVE THE EUROPEANS AND MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS A CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

3. YAMAZAKI SAID JAPAN MAINTAINED A VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN POSTWAR INDOCHINA AND PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM UNDER IBRD/ADB LEADERSHIP. HE BELIEVED THAT FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL DONORS MEETING ON AID TO ALL OF INDOCHINA, JAPAN COULD PARTICIPATE IN A CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM PRIOR TO ASSISTING NORTH VIETNAM.

4. NOOTER SUGGESTED THAT HE AND BARGER WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS IN TOKYO BETWEEN CONCLUSION OF ECONCOM ON JULY 17 AND OPENING OF TANAKA TALKS IN WASHINGTON ABOUT JULY 29, SINCE WE WERE ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO GET GOJ VIEWS AND BECAUSE SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY BE RAISED IN GENERAL WAY DURING BOTH ECONCOM AND TANAKA TALKS. (NOOTER'S VISIT FOR SUCH PURPOSE WAS FIRST SUGGESTED PARA 4 REF (A).) YAMAZAKI BELIEVED GOJ WOULD WELCOME SUCH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND AGREED TO REFER TO TOKYO AND REPORT BACK TO US.

5. YAMAZAKI ADVISED US JULY 10 THAT GOJ WOULD WELCOME SUCH DISCUSSIONS WEEK OF JULY 23. WE HAVE ADVISED JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT NOOTER AND BARGER, ACCOMPANIED BY KENNETH RABIN, DIRECTOR AID'S OFFICE EAST ASIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND JOHN BUSHNELL, NSC STAFF PLAN DEPART JULY 21 FOR ARRIVAL TOKYO JULY 22 AND DISCUSSIONS JULY 23 AND 24 PLUS 25TH IF NEEDED.

6. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED AGENDA IN ADVANCE AND WE PLAN PROVIDE WITH COPIES TO EMBASSY TOKYO.

7. JAPANESE EMBASSY ADVISES THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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8. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS SOONEST. PLEASE RESERVE FOUR SINGLES OKURA STARTING JULY 22. WILL CONFIRM ETA. RUSH

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